

PROCEEDINGS OF PIERCE COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA, BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

June 15, 2022

The Pierce County Board of County Commissioners met in special session on June 15, 2022. Chairman Christenson called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M., with members Brossart, Berg, Hoffert, and Migler present. Also present were Tony Coffman, Community Service Coordinator, Galen J. Mack, States Attorney, and Susan Sitter, The Pierce County Tribune.

Chairman Christenson called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M.

Tony Coffman, Community Service Coordinator, informed the Board that his last day with the county would be June 24, 2022. He said he would help out evenings for 4-8 hours until a replacement has been found and would help with the transition. Coffman gave a report on the Community Service Program from January through June 2022. New cases were 22, closed cases were 40. He said he recreated all the community service files, so he will be able to transfer it to the new person. Coffman said the Community Service Program is working well.

Migler asked if the program were to just run for Pierce County, if he could help out. Coffman felt that would be an injustice to McHenry & Bottineau Counties and felt that would not be a good idea. Migler asked Coffman if 24 hours per week is enough to get the job done. Coffman said that at this time 24 hours is sufficient, but the position could certainly grow. Migler told him he has done an excellent job.

Galen J. Mack suggested that before the Board makes any decisions, that they should have a meeting with McHenry and Bottineau Counties. The program has changed due to Legislative rules, but felt that the county needs to keep the program going.

Hoffert said that Coffman has been a great asset to our county and this program which he has built up.

Migler asked Coffman what the best time was to get a hold of his clients, as previous coordinators have said later in the evening or early mornings. Coffman said daytime worked the best for him. He said just being available for the clients and calling them regularly and being available for court is important. He said this job is to be an advocate for those people that are having trouble.

Brossart asked Coffman if he would be willing to be involved in the interview process when they interview. Coffman responded if it works with his new schedule.

The Board thanked Coffman and wished him good luck with his new position.

Berg suggested that they look for a new replacement. Migler said they need a Plan B, maybe asking the Clerk of Courts office to take care of it again, in case they don't receive any applicants for awhile. Hoffert said Coffman has done such a good job that he would go along with hiring a replacement. Brossart and Christenson also agreed to getting a new replacement.

Galen J. Mack suggested that if McHenry or Bottineau County has a bigger pool of applicants, the program could be based in Towner or Bottineau. He would rather see that, than lose the program.

After discussion, all were in favor. Moved by Berg and seconded by Hoffert, to advertise for the Community Service Coordinator position.

Moved by Berg and seconded by Migler to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 A.M.

Karen Migler, Auditor-Treasurer
Pierce County, North Dakota

Mike Christenson, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners